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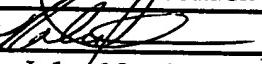
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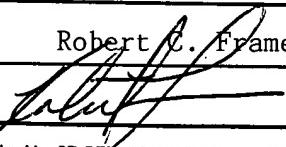
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

Sir:

The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the patent term adjustment for the above-identified application. This patent is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

The patent term adjustment indicated on the Notice of Allowance is 248 days, which the applicant believes to be in error. The applicant believes that this term should be 19 days, as explained below. This request is filed pursuant to Rule §1.705(d).

After submission of the patent application from the applicant on January 28, 2002, the Patent Office mailed a Notice of Required Fees Due on March 22, 2002. The application responded to this notice in a timely manner, with the Patent Office receiving the required fees on April 22, 2002. The Patent Office then mailed a non-final rejection on April 16, 2003. These dates appear in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The current patent term adjustment of 248 days appeared to be based on an incorrect interpretation of §1.703(a)(1). In reviewing these dates, the PAIR system seems to indicate that 248 days were added to the patent term because the Patent Office failed to act within four months of the receipt of the payment of fees. This indicates that the PAIR system considered the mailing of a Notice of Required Fees as a proper response to the submission of the application under §1.703(a)(1). It then appears to have regarded the mailing of the non-final rejection as a proper response to the payment of those fees under §1.703(a)(2). However, the Notice of Required Fees Due is not a proper response within the context of §1.702(a)(1). Therefore, the Patent Office was required to mail a non-final office action within 14 months of the filing of the application, or on March 28, 2003. Since the non-final rejection was mailed on April 16, 2003, this constitutes a delay of 19 days.

The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the patent term adjustment in view of the afore-mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,



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